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Art Unit 1634

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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/073,260; Filed: February 13, 2002
For: **Methods and Compositions for Isolation of Biological Macromolecules**
Inventors: Simms *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.5170001/RWE/ALS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
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 \$ 790.00 For filing a Request for Continued Examination; and
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3. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/30);
4. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
5. Associate Power of Attorney;
6. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
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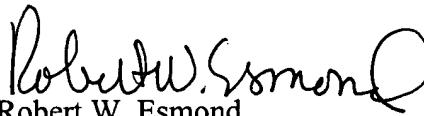
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necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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For FY 2005** Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)
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| Application Number | 10/073,260 |
| Filing Date | February 13, 2002 |
| First Named Inventor | Domenica Simms |
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| Utility | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 | _____ |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 | _____ |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 | _____ |
| Reissue | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 600 | 300 | _____ |
| Provisional | 200 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | _____ |

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEESFee DescriptionEach claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent **50** **25**Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent **200** **100**Multiple dependent claims **360** **180**

| <u>Total Claims</u> | <u>Extra Claims</u> | | <u>Fee (\$)</u> | <u>Fee Paid (\$)</u> | <u>Multiple Dependent Claims</u> | | <u>Fee (\$)</u> | <u>Small Entity</u> |
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